

### REMARKS

Claims 18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-32, and 34-41 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-17, 19, 23, 26, and 33 were previously canceled. Claims 18, 20-22, 24-25, 27-32 and 34-41 are unchanged. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claim 29 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

#### Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

On pages 2-4 of the Office action, claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-6 and 11-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,979,307.

On pages 4-5 of the Office action, claims 18 and 20-22 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3-6 and 11-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,979,307 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,275,731 (hereinafter, "Jahn") and U.S. Patent No. 4,957,638 (hereinafter, "Smith").

Applicant in no way acquiesces to the Examiner's rejection and hereby reserves the right to challenge the Examiner's conclusions in the future. Nevertheless, to facilitate an allowance of this application, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,979,307. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 18, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 is respectfully requested.

On pages 5-6 of the Office action, claims 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 9 and 10 of copending Application No. 11/284,584.

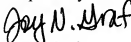
On pages 6-7 of the Office action, claims 18 and 20-22 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 9 and 10 of copending Application No. 11/284,584 in view of Jahn and Smith.

Applicant respectfully informs the Examiner that copending Application No. 11/284,584 has since been abandoned, thereby rendering this rejection moot. However, Applicant filed continuation Application No. 12/424,317 on April 15, 2009, which claims priority to Application No. 11/284,584, and which has the same claims as Application No. 11/284,584. Again,

Applicant in no way acquiesces to the Examiner's rejection and hereby reserves the right to challenge the Examiner's conclusions in the future. Nevertheless, to facilitate an allowance of this application, Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to Application No. 12/424,317. Accordingly, withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 18, 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 30 and 31 is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art, that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this Amendment is therefore requested. If any issues remain outstanding upon entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Applicant's Representative at (414) 271-6560.

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